

NOTES AND NEWS.

A FINE illustration of *Cereus Pecten-aboriginum* appears in *Garden and Forest* of August 22d.

THE "Systematic Botany of North America" is rapidly assuming definite shape. Sample pages have been distributed, subscriptions are being received, and certain parts are announced for 1895. Additional work has been begun by numerous botanists, and there is every prospect that this great undertaking will advance steadily to its completion.

IN *Le Botaniste* for July the six papers are all by the editor, M. P. A. Dangeard, the subjects being: Observations on the green bacteria, Researches in the structure and sexual reproduction of Mucorini, Sexual reproduction of *Entyloma Glaucii*, Researches in the structure of lichens, Sexual reproduction of Ascomycetes, and Note on an anomalous flower of *Tulipa sylvestris*.

BY THE BURNING of the Knox Warehouse, in Washington, last month, Prof. F. Lamson-Scribner lost his entire herbarium with the exception of the genus *Panicum* which he was studying. This was one of the best studied and arranged collections of North American grasses in existence, including many types as well as a number of California species of Dr. Kellogg's collecting, which were in Professor Scribner's hands for study. The loss is quite irreparable, and the GAZETTE begs to extend its sympathy.

THE ORGANIZATION of the Botanical Society of America was completed at Brooklyn, where the charter members were called to meet on August 15th. The report of the committee upon constitution was presented, and after full discussion and amendment was unanimously adopted. This constitution provides that only American botanists engaged in research, who have published work of recognized merit, shall be eligible to active membership. Candidates for active membership must be recommended by three active members of the Society, but any nominee may be objected to by any member and if ten members object the name will not be considered by the Council. Nominees may be rejected by two negative votes in the Council, a body of seven, or by one-fifth the votes cast even after submission by Council.

Officers were elected as follows: president, William Trelease; vice-president, Nathaniel Lord Britton; secretary, Charles Reid Barnes; treasurer, John Donnell Smith; additional members of council, Charles Sprague Sargent, Edward Lee Greene.

No new members were elected, as it was considered best to elect the first members in accordance with the rigid provisions of the constitution.

The first annual meeting will be held in Chicago (if the A. A. A. S. meets in San Francisco) shortly before the meeting of the A. A. A. S.